

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application No.: 09/082,127  
Applicant(s): Takenori IDEHARA  
For: INPUT-OUTPUT APPARATUS SELECTING METHOD  
FOR NETWORK SYSTEM  
Confirmation No.: 2348  
Customer No.: 24367  
Docket No.: 05058/70001  
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Group Art Unit: 2625  
Examiner: King Y. Poon  
Appeal No. 2008-0309

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

**CONFIRMATION OF TELEPHONE DISCUSSION**

This letter is to confirm the changes to the above-referenced application that Applicants agreed to have entered by Examiner's Amendment via telephone today (August 22, 2008).

**Election**

The Examiner stated that the following groups of claims constitute three inventions, and thus restriction is required. Those groups are:

Group I        60-63

Group II       64-66

Group III      67-72

Applicants agreed to elect Group I without traverse and to have the non-elected claims canceled by Examiner's Amendment.

### **Claim Amendments**

In addition, Applicants agreed to the following amendments to claims 60 and 61 by Examiner's Amendment to correct formalities:

60.     (Currently Amended) A computer readable [[recording]] medium storing a computer program for a computer in a network to which the computer and a plurality of input-output apparatuses are connected, at least one of the input-output apparatuses having a plurality of functions, the computer program causing the computer to execute the steps of:

displaying a layout image of the plurality of input-output apparatus;

selectably displaying one function out of the plurality of functions;

displaying, when any function has not yet been selected, on the layout image icons of the plurality of input-output apparatuses representing the functions of the plurality of the input-output apparatuses, while, when the one function has been selected, displaying on the layout image icons of the selected functions to represent only the input-output apparatuses that have the selected functions; and

assigning a selected one of the input-output apparatuses that are represented on the layout image by the icons as an input or output apparatus for a job.

61.     (Currently Amended) The computer readable [[recording]] medium of claim 60, wherein the computer program further causes the computer to execute the steps of:

creating and storing images or lists of the layout of the plurality of input-output apparatuses with hierarchical classification;

displaying the image or the list of a higher hierarchy; and  
displaying the image or the list of a lower hierarchy when a selection is made  
in the image or the list of the higher hierarchy.

**CONCLUSION**

The above changes to the above-referenced application were approved by the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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